1. What are the "big ideas" in the Declaration of Independence?

Liberty, equality, democracy

2. According to Justice Neil Gorsuch, what does 'democracy' mean?

We’re sure to disagree, we have different ideas/opinions, Democracy means more wisdom collectively than one person trying to know everything

3. Explain what "wisdom of the masses" means and how this concept applies to the legislative branch.

Harness disagreements, debate, compromise, try it out

4. Based on the clip, what is 'liberty?'

Freedom to be you, can’t hurt others/take things, right to be left alone and not have people tell you how to live

5. Which ideal do we most often "struggle" with?

Equality

6. How is the Declaration of Independence like our "national report card?"

By ensuring that we’re still honoring liberty, equality, & democracy through the years .

7. What was the law clerk "struck" by about the Declaration of Independence? Why?

The courage it took to sign their names to the bottom of the Declaration. It was an act of high treason and punishable by death.

8. Summarize the symbolism and impact of the story that Justice Gorsuch shares about Thomas Nelson.

Thomas Nelson had the courage to sign the Declaration, but he was broke after the war. He gave everything for independence, even letting his home be destroyed, all because he believed in the promises of the Declaration.